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LABOR GRANT AWARDED FOR DISLOCATED CHASE FIELD WORKERS

(WASHINGTON, DC) - South Texas Congressman Kika de la Garza announced today the awarding of a \$1.8 million Labor Department grant to assist more than 750 workers affected by the closure of Chase Field Naval Air Station in Beeville and four military contractors.

"These funds are certainly not a solution, but they will help ease the emotional and financial burdens of unemployment brought about by the closing of the Base," de la Garza said.

The Rural Coastal Bend Private Industry Council, which will operate the program, has established an office at the Base to assist in the dissemination of information and in the recruitment of participants for this project.

The grant, which is part of the Job Training Partnership Act, is authorized under the Defense Conversion Adjustment program. It will provide a number of services including career assessment, job search assistance, classroom training, on-the-job training and supportive services.

The dislocated worker program is a comprehensive approach to assisting workers who have been, or are about to be, laid off due to technological change, foreign competition, or the permanent closing of a plant or facility. Training is also provided for workers who are unlikely to return to their previous industry or occupation.